

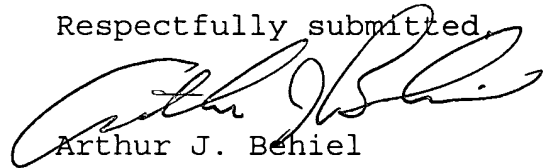
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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 16-19, 22-31, 33-51, 69-71, and 73 are pending in the above-identified application; of these, claims 2, 4-8, 10, 22-24, 26, 40, and 43-51 are allowed; Claims 16-19, 25, 27-31, 33-39, 41, 42, 69-71, and 73 are rejected.

Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims, and thus respectfully request a notice of allowance. If the examiner's next action is other than that of a notice of allowance, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at (925) 621-2113.

Respectfully submitted,

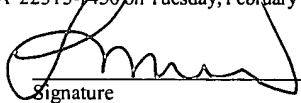


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